

Web Browser Basics

Back/Forward

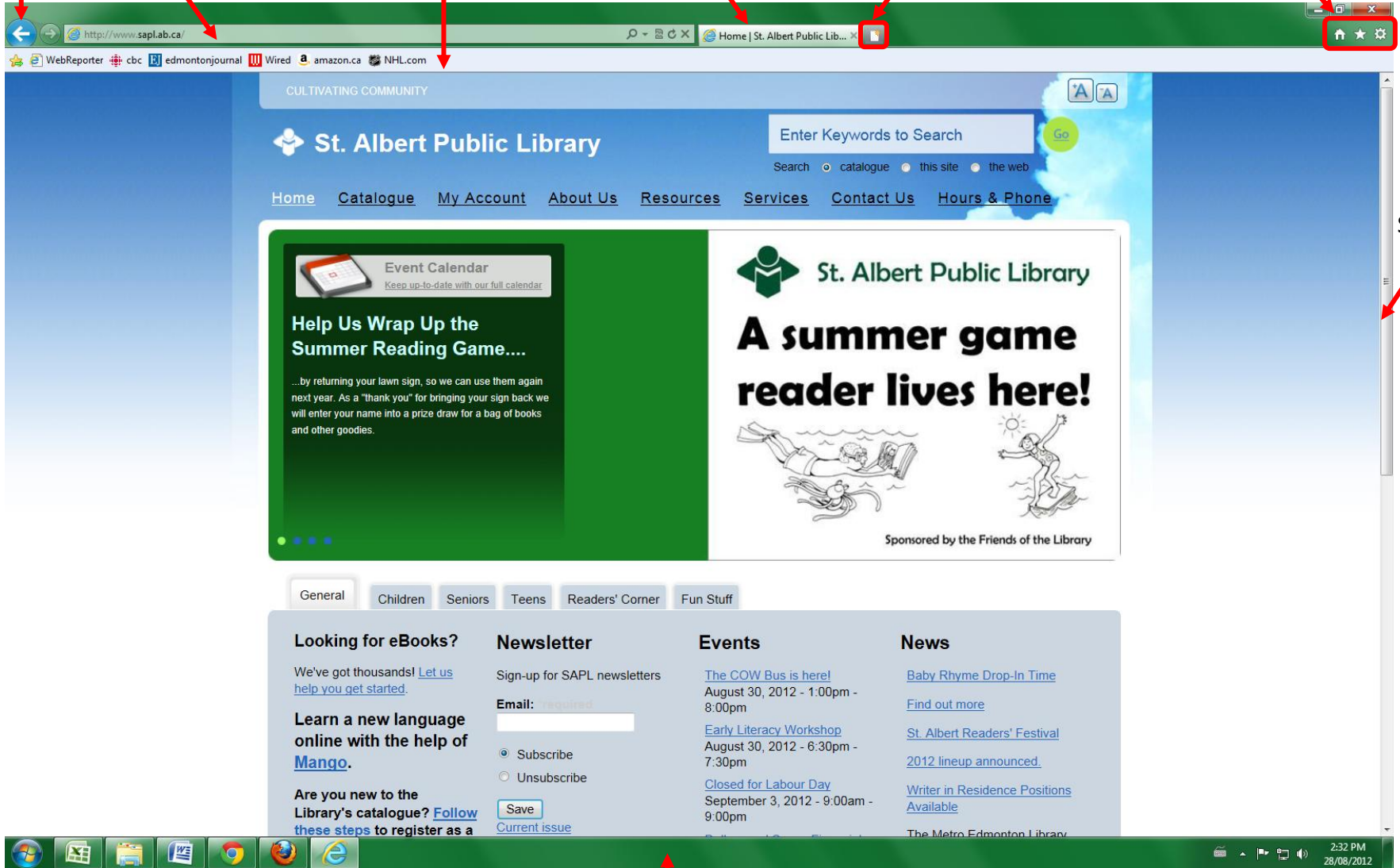
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Object	Description
Address Bar	<p>An address bar (also location bar or URL bar) is a feature in a web browser that either shows the current URL (<i>www.sapl.ab.ca</i>) or accepts a newly typed URL that the user wishes to go on to. Most address bars offer a list of suggestions while the address is being typed in, this auto-completion is based on your search/browser history.</p> <p>*Some browsers (Internet Explorer and Chrome) address bar can function as both a place to search for URLs or a place to type in key words for key word searching (e.g. cheetah top running speed) via a default or selected search engine.</p> <p>A browser like Mozilla Firefox provides two separate spaces for these functions i.e. a place for key word searching or typing in the website URL.</p>
Tab	<p>Each website that you are viewing is given a location on the web browser in the form of a tab. The tab provides a brief description of the current webpage you are visiting. All web browsers have adopted the tab layout for viewing web pages. You can navigate between websites within your browser by clicking on their tab.</p>
New Tab	<p>You can open multiple tabs in one browsing session, by clicking on the small logo beside the current tab (see screen capture). Most browser's logo of choice for this option is a small plus ``+`` sign.</p> <p>This ability to open multiple tabs in a browser provides the user with the opportunity to have multiple websites open at once within one browsing session. To close a tab simple click on the small ``x`` located in the corner of the tab.</p>
Back/Forward	<p>Click on these navigation buttons to move either forward or backward, one webpage from the history of your current browsing sessions. <i>The history of you browsing sessions refreshes itself each time you launch a browser or begin a new browsing session.</i></p>
Browser Menu/ Options	<p>All browsers have a location within the browser to access options. However each individual browser has subtitle differences in how they choose to present these options. For example, Internet Explorer chooses to present its browser options in the form of icons (see screen capture) whereas Firefox houses a most of its options under an orange button titled ``Fire Fox``.</p> <p>As a new user, take the time to familiarize yourself with the options available to your web-browser.</p>
Vertical Scroll Bar	<p>Use this scroll bar to view more content on a webpage. You can interact with the vertical scroll bar in numerous ways. <i>There is a horizontal scroll bar, however it will only appear in circumstances when the content of a website is too large horizontally to fit within the browser.</i></p>
Favourites Bar	<p>Internet Explorer's Favourites Bar gives you quick access to often-used websites, in the form of a link. Other web browsers provide the space for this quick access, but under a different name such as Bookmarks Bar (Firefox)</p>
Windows Task Bar	<p>Lists the programs and files you currently have open, as well as icons for a few favoured programs. You can use this area to switch between programs if you have more than one running at one time. <i>Click on the program name or file name to maximize it for viewing.</i></p>